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REMARKS

Claims 1-44 are in the application.

Claims 1-44 are subject to restriction under 35 USC 121 as follows:

Group I: Claims 1-14, drawn to a method of obtaining hydrogen, classified in class 429, subclass 13.

Group II: Claims 15-19, drawn to a method of operating a fuel cell, classified in class 429, subclass 17.

Group III: Claims 20-26, drawn to a method of heating a fuel cell, classified in Class 429, subclass 26.

Group IV: Claims 27-44, drawn to a fuel cell, classified in Class 429, subclass 12.

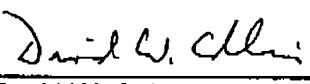
Applicants hereby elect to prosecute the Group IV set of claims (Claims 27-44).

Applicants expressly reserve the right to file one or more continuation or divisional applications to any of the non-elected claims or similar claims, or with claims to any subject matter disclosed in the present application.

The application is considered to be in condition for allowance. The Examiner is respectfully requested to take such action. If the Examiner has any questions, he is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,

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